

Babraham Church of England (VC) County Primary

Newsletter Summer term 2007 Number 2

Dear Parents and Friends,

Half term is nearly upon us and I have to share with you how proud I have been of our children again throughout the assessments. They have concentrated and worked their hardest. Here is what they had to say about the experience:

It wasn't that hard (Matthew)

When we were doing the test, the time went by a lot quicker because we were focusing (Catriona)

It was smooth sailing (Nuno)

It was tense (Elliott)

Our mascots were supportive! (Emily)

Revising was well needed (Emily)

They were easier than I thought they'd be (George)

We very much enjoyed our opportunity to keep fit after the experience and thanks must go to the Friends of Babraham for organising the sponsored walk, but especially to the Spicers for devising and leading it.

SEAL / Celebration Assembly - Friday 8th June 2.45pm

We are continuing the SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) programme in the first week after half term with a unit on Changes. The theme aims to equip children with different types of change, positive and negative, and human responses to it; to develop their ability to understand and manage associated feelings and to develop their knowledge understanding and motivation in motivation, social skills and managing feelings. We will be sharing our learning during our celebration assembly and as usual, all are most welcome.

Contact details

Phoning everybody on Friday 11th highlighted to us how very important it is that our records with your contact details are kept up to date. If you are away, or change your situation, please could you let us know as soon as possible. Equally if you require someone different to collect your child, please could you ensure that they have proof of identity.

School organisation

A variety of factors are taken into account when planning class organisation. Amongst other factors, the number of pupils in differing year groups has a bearing on the final decision. Next year our smallest year group will contain just 6 children and our largest may contain 13 children. There will be a **parent meeting about class organisation** for 2007-08 on **Wednesday 6th June at 6.30 p.m.** in class 3.

Peripatetic Music

If you would like your child to continue learning or start learning an instrument in school, from September, please remember to return the reply slip attached to the information letter. Mrs Parker enjoyed giving folk a taster session.

Family Support Worker

I am pleased to tell you that our school now has access to a support worker. Mrs Jentie Weaver will be starting a monthly drop in coffee morning in which she can share advice about all the different services that are available to you and your family in our locality. As soon as she has organised her timetable I will be able to tell you when she will be starting at Babraham.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to those who responded to the thought of a Breakfast Club; it was something that five parents were very interested in and I am currently looking at ways that it might be made feasible.

Summer Academy

After the success of the *Aladdin* workshop week at the Summer Academy in Sawston Village College last year, this summer it will be at Linton Village College, where the theme will be *The Wizard of Oz*. The Academy is open to young people aged 8 -16 and will take place from Monday 6 August - Friday 10 August from 9.30am - 5.30pm. The workshops will be run by musical directors and choreographers from SNAP! Creatives, a team of experienced and skilled arts practitioners dedicated to working with young performers, and a full pastoral team will be on hand to support the project. Full details will be available later in the term or if you are very keen, please contact Lesley Morgan, Arts Development Manager for the BE Partnership, on 01223 712825 or email lesley@start-arts.org.uk.

Dates for your diary

Teachers' Training day	Friday 25 th May (School closed)
Half term	28 th May - 1 st June

Assemblies

Year 4	22 nd June	Cake stall
Class 3	15 th Jun	Cake stall
Celebration	8 th June, 29 th June (music theme), 6 th July (2.45pm)	
School Organisation Meeting	6 th June (6.30pm)	
New parent's evening	13 th June (6.00pm)	
Sports Day	13 th June (1.30pm)	
Residential Meeting for Parents	18 th June (6pm)	
(Reserve Sports Day)	20 th June (1.30pm)	
Maths Open Evening	28 th June (6pm)	
Year 6 visit SVC	23 rd May (D&T visit)	
Year 5 Taster day at SVC	11 th June (9.30 - 12)	
Year 6 Induction SVC	4 th July	
Residential Visit	Week beginning 9 th July	
Summer Presentation	17 th July (6.30pm)	
Summer Presentation	18 th July (9.30 am)	
Leavers' Assembly	19 th July (1.30pm)	
School closes	20 th July	

Friends of Babraham School

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